

1. Chancellor Mathew Goldstein answered questions from the Senate.

He said he first heard a rumor about on March 28th that Governor's Island might be designated for CUNY. This was a "surprise" but he has toured the Island, and it could be a beautiful campus. Consolidating administrative expenses for the three Bronx campuses, is an attempt "to find a way to invest in our core business" which is education; he does "not anticipate closing or consolidating any CUNY campuses. He believes the CUNY system needs to be tiered, but this does not mean devaluing Community Colleges. He shares our concerns about being in the lowest tier, but they are unfounded. He says that BCC is doing a very good job, citing the NCLEX results. He knows BCC has been neglected in renovations, and believes the new Mayor has a better understanding of the mission of CUNY than the previous one did. Chancellor Goldstein seeks to improve the cohesiveness of CUNY, making it a "national integrated university", using technology as transformative. He wants better articulation and transfer within CUNY, but the "hardest thing to change is the people."

2. The approval of the minutes was postponed until the next meeting, given the time.

3. The Senate unanimously approved the Committee on Academic Standing's guidelines for exemption of college credit via the CLEP exam .

4. The report from the Curriculum Committee included a request for changing the names of the certificates from the department of education. The names are:

Early Childhood Care Assistant Certificate
Bilingual Early Childhood Assistant Certificate
Assistant to Children with Special Needs

This was approved unanimously .

5. The two meeting rule was waived and the Senate unanimously approved a change in name of a program in Telecommunications from Bell Atlantic to Verizon.

6. The BCC Faculty Senate will meet next week. The major agenda item will be review of the new PSC contract. Marianne Pita will present this.

7. Vice President Coleman alerted the college that, despite Chancellor's Goldstein's assurances, "big time financial concerns" remain.

8. Professor Don Read announced from the Committee on Governance that the election of the first delegate to the University Senate is underway. More to come.

9. All other Vice Presidents and committees declined to report, given the time. They will report at the next Senate meeting.